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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, JO, US, IS, XF  
SUBJECT: JORDAN REACTION TO ISRAELI ELECTION

1. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO PROVIDE A STUDIED  
JORDANIAN REACTION TO APPARENT LIKUD VICTORY IN  
ISRAELI ELECTION FOLLOWING INCIDENTS ARE WORTH REPORTING.

2. MORNING MAY 18, I WAS IN TOUCH WITH KING ON ANOTHER MATTER.  
ALMOST BEFORE I COULD RAISE MY POINT HE TOLD ME HOW  
DISAPPOINTED HE WAS AT ELECTION RESULTS. HE SAID  
THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE VERY HARD NOW PRETENDING THAT  
"THOSE PEOPLE OVER THERE REALLY WANT TO NEGOTIATE A  
PEACE SETTLEMENT." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS  
SURPRISED AT RESULTS AND THAT IT WAS HARD NOT TO BE  
GLOOMY IN SPITE OF MARVELOUS EARLY SUMMER WEATHER.  
I ASKED ABOUT OTHER ARAB REACTIONS. HE SAID HE HAD NOT  
YET HEARD FROM OTHERS IN THE AREA, BUT THOUGHT THAT  
THEY TOO WOULD BE GLOOMY. I ASKED ABOUT PUBLIC REACTIONS  
ON PART OF ARABS AND SAID THAT I HOPED THEY WOULD NOT  
MAKE PEACE PROCESS HARDER BY REACTING IN OVERLY  
NEGATIVE, STRIDENT AND DIVIDED WAY. HE SAID HE EXPECTED

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TO KEEP THE LID ON HERE, BUT COULD NOT PREDICT HOW  
OTHERS WOULD HANDLE THE SITUATION. "WE WILL HAVE TO  
WAIT AND SEE."

3. EARLIER, MININFO ADNAN ABU ODEH CALLED AND  
ASKED FOR MY REACTION. I TOLD HIM IT WAS HARD NOT TO  
BE GLOOMY. ABU ODEH THEN COMMENTED THAT AN EXTREMELY

NEGATIVE STAND ON PART OF A BEGIN GOVERNMENT MIGHT WELL  
ALERT U.S. PUBLIC AND LEADERS TO ISRAEL'S TRUE FEELINGS  
ABOUT PEACE AND NEED FOR A MORE ACTIVE U.S. ROLE. HE  
ADDED THAT HE ALREADY HAD RADIO MONITORING REPORTS  
INDICATING IN EFFECT THAT BEGIN CONSIDERED GAZA,  
JUDEA AND SAMARIA WITHIN THE BORDERS OF ISRAEL AND  
NON-NEGOTIABLE. I ASKED ABOUT ARAB REACTION--TOUGH  
OR FLEXIBLE? HE SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BE THE LATTER.  
I SAID I HOPED SO TOO.  
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